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SUBJECT: NATO TENDER: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF  
INTENT TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR ADP PROGRAMMER/ANALYSTS  
& COMPUTER OPERATOR SUPPORT FOR THE SHAPE TRANSITION  
PROGRAM.

1. SHAPE HAS NOTIFIED EMBASSY OF ITS INTENTION TO CALL  
FOR BIDS FOR TWO GENERAL ADP SUPPORT CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION  
WITH THE SHAPE COMMAND CENTRE TRANSITION PROGRAMME.

2. THE CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR:

- A) GENERAL ADP SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AND PROGRAMMING SUPPORT  
AND
- B) TRAINED COMPUTER OPERATORS TO SUPPORT THE SHAPE  
TRANSITION PROGRAMME.

THE INTENT IS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO SHAPE IN CONVERTING  
FROM THE EXISTING IBM 360 SYSTEM TO THE SYSTEM THAT WILL  
BE EMPLOYED IN THE NEW COMPUTER. THIS CONVERSION  
ENCOMPASSES TRANSFERRING AND ENHANCING EXISTING IBM 360  
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APPLICATION SOFTWARE TO THE NEW ADP SYSTEM. SYSTEM  
ENHANCEMENT WILL ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED TO INTERFACE THE  
NEW COMPUTER WITH ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE (ACE)  
COMMUNICATIONS, CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) AND  
COMPUTERS AT OTHER ACE LOCATIONS. INTERACTIVE CAPABILITIES  
FOR UPDATING, RETRIEVING AND PROCESSING DATA WILL ALSO BE  
PROVIDED. DURING THE CONVERSION EFFORT THE IBM 360

AND THE NEW COMPUTER WILL BE RUN IN A PARALLEL OPERATION WITH CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL OPERATING THE NEW EQUIPMENT.

3. CONTRACT NO. 1 PROVIDES FOR ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING ADP SOFTWARE WHICH IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN USING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DATA HANDLING LANGUAGE, NIPS (NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND AND CONTROL INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM). THIS CONTRACT REQUIRES THE PROVISION FOR 342 MAN MONTHS OF CONTRACTUAL SERVICES EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR AND SIX MONTHS ESTIMATED TO COMMENCE JUNE 1978. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 65 OF THE SUPPORT WILL BE UTILIZED IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMING SERVICES, 30 IN SUPPORT OF ANALYSIS, DOCUMENTATION AND TESTING WITH THE REMAINING 5 APPLIED TO PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND LIAISON.

4. CONTRACT NO. 2 IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE NEW ADP EQUIPMENT DURING ITS INITIAL PERIOD OF OPERATION AS WELL AS PROVIDING ON THE JOB TRAINING FOR SHAPE COMPUTER PERSONNEL ON THE NEW ADP EQUIPMENT. THIS CONTRACT REQUIRES THE PROVISIONS FOR 182 MAN MONTHS OF CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ESTIMATED TO COMMENCE APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 1978 AND EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF 13 MONTHS.

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5. SHAPE REQUESTS THAT WE PROVIDE THEM WITH A LIST OF QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED FIRMS WHICH ARE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AN IFB ON THESE CONTRACTS.

6. LIST OF FIRMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY END OF FEBRUARY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS DIVISION, PROCUREMENT SECTION, CPIB, B-7010 SHAPE, BELGIUM.

7. BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY AND SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED ADP GENERAL SUPPORT CONTRACTS OF A SIMILAR SCOPE INTERNATIONALLY OR ON BEHALF OF MAJOR NATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL AUTHORITIES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES RESTRICT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO FIRMS AND CONSORTIA WHO ARE FINANCIALLY VIABLE AND WITH ESTABLISHED REPUTATIONS IN THIS FIELD IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE EVALUATION AND SCREENING PROCESS.

8. CONTINGENT UPON FUNDS APPROVED BY NATO, SHAPE INTENDS TO ISSUE INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) WITH TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ABOUT THE END OF FEBRUARY 1978. CLOSING DATE FOR  
ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS IS PLANNED FOR 65 DAYS THEREAFTER.  
9. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A COPY OF SHAPE'S NOTIFICATION,  
BEARING REFERENCE IFB 77-28-INF., GIVING SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION.  
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